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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well, all of a sudden it is August, and we are slowly running out of days left to enjoy in this summer's season. That being said, last month the annual CAWMC AMG and breakfast meeting was held in Ottawa in conjunction with the annual RCNA Convention. The minutes of the AGM of July 23rd will be posted in the September issue of Timber Talk. I would like to thank the Members that were able to attend the AGM – Breakfast meeting. I would also like to thank the RCNA for providing a room at the Convention and booking a spot in the busy Convention schedule for the CAWMC members to enjoy the chance to meet up in person after a two year interruption.

If you missed this year's CAWMC meeting, you could start planning to attend the 2023 RCNA Convention being help in Halifax, Nova Scotia on July 22nd, and we will meet up again! The Halifax area and the Maritimes region has lots of interesting and historical sites to visit and enjoy. Back in 2015 after the Convention, Lisa and myself toured around Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for eleven days. I think a lot of Conventioneers do the same thing when they attend a RCNA Convention in an area of Canada that they have never been to. Next year we are planning an eleven day tour of Newfoundland and Labrador after the Convention. There is so much to see there and enjoy, we are both really looking forward to it!

Cheers James

Featured Wood of the Month

Toronto 82
WOODEN
I went to this lawyer's convention in Toronto and THIS is what they gave me in change.
NICKEL
Toronto 82
CINQ SOUS
Je suis allé à cette assemblée d'avocats à Toronto et voilà la monnaie qu'ils m'ont rendue.
EN BOIS

Catalogue Number: # 5900-163A **Location**: Toronto **Issuer**: Canadian Bar Association **Value**: Wooden Nickel **Year**: 1982 **Obverse Colour**: Blue **Reverse Colour**: Blue **Quantity**: 14,000

Catalogue Number: # 5900-163B **Location**: Toronto **Issuer**: Canadian Bar Association **Value**: Cinq Sous **Year:** 1982 **Obverse Colour**: Blue Reverse **Colour**: Blue **Quantity**: 1,000

I started collecting wooden nickels in 1982. I was given a wood nickel by one of my associates at work who obtained it at a convention of the Canadian Bar Association in Toronto that year. He said there were numerous copies available at the convention and suggested I contacted the Association to see if any were available. I contacted the Canadian Bar Association and was referred to Grace Newman, Director of conventions. I asked if it was possible to get some for my collection and she replied "YES". I gave her my home address and she said she would send me some. I came home one day and found three printing paper size boxes of wood on my front doorstep. I opened one box and found numerous copies of both the English version and the French version inside. I distributed the wood to collectors at the time. I also gave numerous woods to Lou Vesh who painted them as used them as blanks to make his own unique woods.

The remaining woods were put in my basement and were forgot about until I rediscovered them in 2020 when I found two of the three boxes. ***Al Munro***

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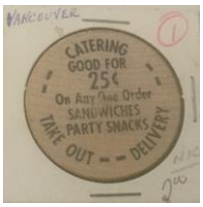
Ralph Submarine's new-to-us wood



I found this wood in my basement when I was going through woods I acquired from Alf Wrigley about twenty-five years ago when he moved out of his family home and retired from his retirement business " A & A Hobby Helpers". I acquired his collection, A & A remaining inventory and left over A & A personal issues. I believe there were about seven boxes in total. This wood was in a box that I had not looked through since I acquired it. Unfortunately, there was only one in the box. The wood was not previously catalogued. ***Al Munro***

Chips from the Woodpile …. *By Dave Gillespie*

In 1974 Mr. E.L. Burt, manager of the Cannington Branch of the Bank of Commerce designed and issued a token (catalogue # 5161-001), first by this bank in Canada to celebrate the Bank's 100th Year. In March of 1874 a banking office was first opened in Cannington as a branch of The St. Lawrence Bank. I 1876 the bank became The Standard Bank of Canada; in 1928 the bank was absorbed into The Canadian Bank of Commerce and finally in 1961, the Cannington office became a branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The wood was stapled on a card, stuffed in a green envelope with the Bank Insignia and handed out at the open house on June 8th, 1974.

The Alexander Muir School in Newmarket was named after the author of the poem the 'Maple Leaf Forever', Alexander Muir in 1872. During a brisk walk through the town on a beautiful autumn day a Maple Leaf fell upon and clung to his coat. Impressed by the characteristic of the maple leaf, seemingly to stay forever, he wrote the poem and later the music. A wood for the School Reunion in 1976 was issued as cat. # 5555-001.

In March of 2012 a wood, issued by former collector John MacLean for Scotiabank of North Sydney, was handed out as the monthly free wood. In 1870, North Sydney (known as New Scotland) had become the fourth largest port in Canada for ocean ships, surpassed only by Quebec, Halifax, and Montreal. By 1880 North Sydney had the services of a bank, jeweller, barbershop, tailor and the first grocery store in Cape Breton. Today the friendly town has a peaceful lifestyle with sandy beaches, walking trails, campgrounds, and home style restaurants. Once the gateway to the Continent, North Sydney is now known as the 'Gateway to Newfoundland'. Something for everyone!

The Lakeshore Coin Club located in Pointe Claire, Quebec celebrated a 50th Golden Anniversary with a banquet for about 50 members and guests on May 12th, 2012. Golden Anniversary woods were also made for the event. The Timber Talk article from August 2012 displays two woods for the event, both showing the Coin Club logo on the obverse and different Banquet Souvenir information on the reverses. In comparing this with Norm Belsten's picture catalogue, # 4720 - 023 is a wood incused with the Lakeshore Coin Club logo on the obverse and a blank reverse. Our editor, France Waychison, contacted Barry Uman about these intriguing woods. Please see the March 2022 issue of Timber Talk for Barry's explanation.

Quiz Time - What wood issued in 1973 was hands out at a Summer Festival in 1976 by the Arlington Hotel and was 'Good for One Free Drink of Canadian Mist'?

Til next time …… Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie

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Lougheed & Sons

by **Judy Blackman**, CAWMC Life Member, FONA, KStE

This is the only wood listed under Vernon, Ontario and the only Lougheed wood listed in Norm Belsten's catalogue. This 1975 38 mm round wood is red ink on both sides, is #5915-001 in the catalogue, and is one of 2,500 produced. The front is a generic 'WOODEN NICKEL" and the reverse reads "GENERAL MERCHANTS GLEN H. LOUGHEED & SONS Vernon, Ontario". There is no value on this wood and no contact information.

Vernon village is located in the southern part of the former Osgoode Township and was settled mainly by Scottish immigrants from Breadalbane, Renfrewshire and Perthshire. Some of these pioneer families had hoped to join earlier immigrants who came to nearby Glengarry Township starting in the 1780s. Vernon is a compact rural community in what is now Osgoode Ward in the southern part of the city of Ottawa because of the amalgamation which took place in 2001. The population of Vernon today is around 750-850. Apparently, the Vernon Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple / Japanese Cultural Centre building on Bella Vista Road was previously a general store. I have been unable to confirm if this location was Glen H. Lougheed & Sons General Merchants, Vernon, Ontario. However, I am also unable to locate any other building in Vernon in the 1970-1980s that was a General Merchant store, the nearest one appears to be Metcalfe (about 10 km away on 8th Line Rd. / Regional Road 31). The Metcalfe general store is also a gas station, and this location has a long family history of which none shows it ever changing hands to the Lougheeds. Phil Jenkins (Ottawa writer) wrote a story in 2014 about leaving Ottawa proper driving to Vernon:

> *The village of Vernon was in Osgoode Township prior to the Great Amalgamation of 2001, and it was then, and still is, a quiet place, with its rural quota of communal tragedies and dramas, crimes, and blessings. The church with the highest spire, visible from a tractor seat anywhere in the surrounding fields, and the tallest building in town dates from 1887, is Presbyterian. (…) Judging by the dates of the primary buildings in Vernon, it was on the up and up in the 1880s, and levelled out somewhere along the line, with the older farmhouses and retired farming*

homes on the west side, and some newer semi-suburban homes on the east. (…) For me the heart of the village is the Osgoode Township Museum which got going in the early 1970s and is run by good, active folks and includes an agricultural museum. (…) **The only curiosity in town is a Buddhist temple in a one-storey building, an ex-general store I suspect, with five enlarged historical photographs of Vernon pinned to the façade.** *There is not a word of English anywhere on it. According to Farid, the pleasant man who has run the convenience store for the last twelve years, the temple landed here several months ago, and keeps itself to itself as does the village. The Ottawa suburbs, and the world in general, get closer to Vernon every year. Hopefully, they will be slow in coming."*

Glen Harold Lougheed was born in Wadena, Saskatchewan to parents Leslie and Alice Lougheed. Glen had three siblings, his brother Allan, and his sisters Iris A. Riviere (Cornwall, Ontario) and Leslie A. Bernett (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan). I could not find what drew Glen out of Saskatchewan and into Ontario — possibly that's where his future wife lived.

Allan B. Lougheed was born on May 13, 1930, in Wadena, and died August 8, 2009, on Fleming Island in Florida (USA). Allan was a Korean War Veteran serving in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. He had worked in the medical equipment service industry and had lived in the local area since 1987, moving from Cleveland, Tennessee. Allan was a lifetime member of the Catholic Knights of Columbus, as well as a founding member of the Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He built three homes for his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents **and his brother Glen Harold Lougheed of Vernon, Ontario**. Allan was married to Patricia for 57 years, and the couple had a son (Ronald Allan Lougheed), and ten daughters (Patricia, Carol, Kathryn, Joan, Teresa, Deborah, Sharon, Virgina, Maureen, Iris), twenty-two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I was unable to find if his brother Glen also served in the Canadian Armed Forces during the Korean War.

Glen's sister Leslie Bernett passed away recently (July 30, 2019) in Saskatoon. She was predeceased by her parents, both her brothers (Glen and Allan), her brother-in-law Keith (Iris's husband). and her daughter Patricia Dawn. She is survived by her two daughters (Avery-Dawn and Roberta), her two grandchildren (Harriet and Charlie) and her sister Iris.

Glen Harold Lougheed married Doris Agnes Montroy Lougheed (both deceased) and they became parents of two sons (Leslie and Kevin). I am unable to determine where Glen was living at the time of his death. I suspect he no longer lived in Vernon. I also suspect because his sons were off living in other places, and were pursuing their own careers, Glen shut the store down and sold the building which would become occupied by a temple.

Ontario and died in Knoxville, Tennessee on October 2, 2018. When Leslie married Carol Lougheed, he moved to Knoxville and became a U.S. citizen. The couple had been married forty years, raised two sons (Christopher and Matthew) and were grandparents to twin boys (Oakley and Oliver). While living in Canada, at age 21 Leslie became the youngest locomotive engineer in the country. Later while living in the USA, he worked as a firefighter, paramedic, aircraft mechanic, Director of Maintenance for UT LifeStar helicopters, and then most recently he served as Quality Assurance Manager for MedTrans Corporation (a national air medical transport provider). Leslie believed in giving back to his community and he served generously throughout his life as a volunteer since age 16, including twenty-five years with the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad, several of these years alongside his two sons, who followed his example as volunteers and then chose careers in law enforcement and firefighting. Leslie was involved in many intricate rescues in his lifetime and throughout his volunteer life and his career Leslie served as a quiet hero, whether in active or behind-the-scenes operations. He was strong, courageous and an experienced and extremely knowledgeable problem-solver. He also served on his Parish Council and was elected Sir Knight Leslie Lougheed, Worthy Grand Knight of Holy Ghost Council 16523. Leslie enjoyed woodworking and remodeling. Certainly, Glen would be very proud of his son Leslie.

Leslie is survived by his brother Kevin Lougheed (wife Gina) of Perth, Ontario (about 1.25 hours' drive to Vernon). The Osgoode Township Historical Society Membership List 1979 shows member no. 163 as Kevin Lougheed of Vernon, Ontario.

Glen's sister Iris Riviere was married to her husband for 57 years before he passed in June 2008. Iris and Keith Riviere are the parents of two daughters, Brenda (Calgary) and Janet (Ottawa); and two sons, Gordon, and David (both of Calgary); and proud of nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. As you can see the Lougheed family has been spread out over various provinces and even into the States. I don't know if Iris still lives in Cornwall or moved to be closer to majority of her family in Calgary.

So, although I could not give you much information about Glen H. Lougheed & Sons General Merchants, or the wood (which I suspect was handed out at the store as a souvenir since there is no value and no contact information on it). Given the size of Vernon and the number of woods produced, I suspect it would have taken many years to distribute those woods. We know Glen's one son stayed in Vernon until at least 1979. Hopefully though, getting to know the family, at least gave you some insight to the story behind the wood. I tried to find contact information for the son living in Perth but was unable and I suspect he's in his early 80s now.

France Waychison later sent me these excerpts from Norm Wells catalogue, *Canadian Wooden Money,* 2nd Edition, June 1979

On page 144, below these funny cards from Glen, Norm wrote:

"At least Glen Lougheed acknowledged my letter and enclosed his amusing cards as below, he also said he got the Wooden Nickels as an ADD STUNT, also in his letter he had in large figures, 25,000 issued, but I believe he was jesting, as there are only about 250 people in this town.

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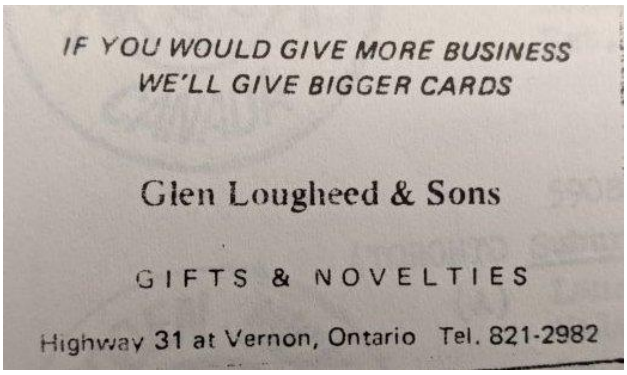
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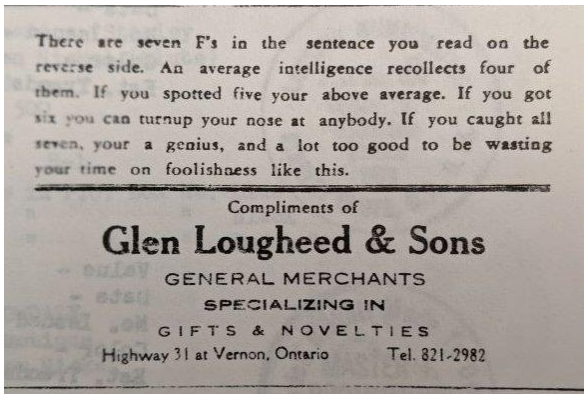
There are seven F's in the sentence you read on the reverse side. An average intelligence recollects four of them. If you spotted five your above average. If you got six you can turnup your nose at anybody. If you caught all seven, your a genius, and a lot too good to be wasting your time on foolishness like this.
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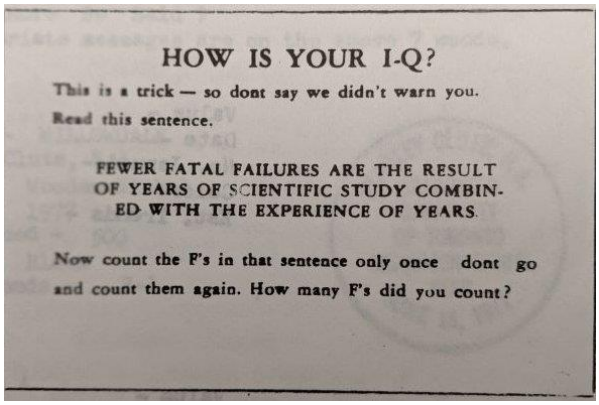
HOW IS YOUR I-Q?
This is a trick — so dont say we didn't warn you.
Read this sentence.
FEWER FATAL FAILURES ARE THE RESULT
OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBIN-
ED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS
Now count the F's in that sentence only once dont go
and count them again. How many F's did you count?

Card obverse Card reverse

Try the HOW IS YOUR I-Q? card, see if you get it right! If you said 4, you are really wrong! Don't peek at the answer! Try it first!

A Wooden Token… Sort of…

35 year wooden award (Correspondence between Gene Simms and Al Munro)

Gene Simms

Al, I was going to show you this at the meeting last night, but I had taken it to work to take pictures for you and left it at work. I'm not sure if you have seen them before or not. This was in the 35 years service package my wife received from the federal government. The info is in the attached pictures. I did look them up online and found the same one with 20 on it and one tear drop shaped with 20 on it. This one is 38mm x 5mm thick. I thought you might like to see it if you haven't already. Gene

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